

## **EULOGY JESSE E. TULEY**

Jesse E. Tuley, age 79, passed away Monday, October 18, 2010. Jesse was a member of the Eau Gallie First Baptist Church since 2001. Survivors include his wife, Drusilla; sons, Dale, Glenn and David; daughter, Sharon Kutella; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ray. 21 nephews and nieces.

Jesse was one of 6 children, he was the baby in the family. He had 4 brothers and one sister. He was born at home in the little farming community of Latham, Illinois. No one knew that his mother was pregnant. Moved to Chicago in 1942. He started working at a print shop when he was in High School and worked for Good News Publishers, and did a lot of work for Moody Bible Institute. While working there he helped to print the first version of the Living Bible. It was first published as living letters. His son Glenn read the New Testament when his Dad brought home a copy that had some printing errors in it.

Jesse served in the Armed Forces for 2 years in the Army as a truck driver in Alaska and also served in Colorado. And then went back to work for Good news printers. He and Dru were married for 59 years. They met in church, and it took several years for him to convince Dru that he was the one for her. He would walk her home from church. They started dating when they were in high school. They were married when he was 20 and she was 18. They lived in Chicago to 1963 and moved to the suburbs, and then moved to Melbourne. They lived at Wickham Park in their motor home for 5 years before becoming permanent residents at Lamplighter Village.

He worked at an Awana Leader at Medinah Baptist Church and also worked with the youth and started a boys club at Temple Baptist in Chicago. He was deacon at FBC Glendale Heights and. He served as a Usher in the Churches as well.

His golf foursome is complete now, as his other 3 team members had predeceased him. He enjoyed sports and would bowl with Dru at the Lutheran Church. He played softball and basketball. He was a big Chicago Bears and Cubs fan and would watch sports on TV. He was captain of the mini putt putt at the lamplighter village.

He was involved with the space coast model sailing club and built two boats and would run the radio controlled boats. He was an avid woodworker and built a bookcase and he built a garage with his son and a couple of his friends. He loved to run his model trains and build the elaborate set for the train. He built the church, and replicas of the houses where he grew up.

He was an active RVer and they had pop up campers, and other RVs. They got started camping with their pastor on Labor Day weekend. They started out buying a tent and liked it so much. They would have Labor Day retreats and they would cook for

everybody at the campground. After retirement they belonged to 2 camping clubs. A Lutheran club and the Good Sam club.

They traveled all the 48 states in their van. Favorite things the family liked to do was to have Sunday night popcorn instead of a meal because of the large meal after church. Lisa had memories of Jesse being the carpenter at the Bethlehem Walk at the First Baptist church of Satellite beach. He would park his camper there and would watch over the set. He used to say he was the Sherrif of Bethlehem.

He always wanted to be a volunteer fireman, but when he found out that the meeting was on Sunday, he decided that he should be in church, so he didn't join.

He loved the outdoors and taught his sons to fish and swim.

He had his own printing shop from 1978 – 1995. He started this as a part time thing and then got laid off and made it a full time occupation. He did printing for his church and several missionary organizations. His son Dale worked for him for a few years.

The Adjective his family would use to describe him is that he was resourceful. He could fix almost anything, and would make something useful.

He loved the old hymns... and sang in the choir years ago. He couldn't read music but could follow along. He and Dru sang the Messiah one time in their church in Chicago.

One thing he would want to teach the next generation was to be faithful to God church family. If you were out late on Sat night, you better be in church on Sunday.

His daughter called him Pops. He felt deeply about the Lord's work, and was faithful all of his life.

He was a caring person and taught that to his family through his actions. He never really talked about his accomplishments. He was a quiet servant.

Back in 1963 he was at the business meeting at the FBC at Glendale heights. They needed 7 deacons and they only had 6. Jesse spoke up and said that it would better to have 6 spiritual men to serve rather than just to name a 7 th without qualifications. The next year they made him the 7 th. Jesse will be remembered as a man of faith, and one who was faithful to God, his family, his friends, and his church.